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## HARRISBURG LETTER.

Compendium of Important News of the Past Week.

### FROM AN IMPARTIAL STAND-POINT.

Our Special Correspondent at Harrisburg writes on matters of vital importance to every citizen of the Keystone State.

HARRISBURG, Oct. 19.—Matters at the capital have been unusually dull during the past week, owing to the fact that nearly all of the head officials have been absent from the city. About the most important matter presented for consideration was the communication from Secretary of State Sherman to Governor Hastings, requesting a statement regarding the shooting of the twenty-two striking miners at Latimer on September 10th, and the incidents leading up to the conflict. The letter written by Secretary Sherman is the result of the investigation which has been conducted since the tragedy, and a request from the Austrian minister at Washington for full official information, as his government authorized him to render a detailed report of the affair. Governor Hastings at once wrote to Sheriff Martin, enclosing Secretary Sherman's letter, and instructed him to compile a careful statement of his side of the case and forward the same to him as soon as possible, so as to enlighten the Austrian government as to the actions of its subjects and our public peace officers. It is not likely that any trouble will arise but from what has been learned the Austrian authorities will likely suggest a method not quite so barbarous as the one resorted to by the sheriff and his deputies, in quieting disturbances. With a little sharp criticism of the actions of Sheriff Martin the matter will rest, and but for the thought of the enormous expense to which the state was put in calling out the troops to subdue a handful of imported laborers, the case will receive no more consideration.

### WILL GIVE A FORTUNE.

Last Saturday afternoon a stranger, apparently about sixty years of age and very intelligent, was in Harrisburg and interviewed public officials, among them being a member of the present Legislature. The former is deeply interested in the outcome of the suits now being waged against the capitol building commission, and expressed a hope that they would be dragged through the courts until after January 3, 1899, when the Legislature will again convene. He was in Harrisburg only a few hours, being on his way to Philadelphia from the northern part of the state, where he said he had been recruiting for several days, and his purpose in stopping here was to gain a little information. He informed the Senator, with whom he conversed at length, that his object in desiring to have the suits continued so long was that he wanted to come and make a proposition to the next Legislature, which in substance is as follows: He will donate the sum of \$500,000 in cash to the state on April 1st, 1899, and thereafter for twenty-five years will present \$10,000 annually also to the state, provisions for which he will make in a will to be drawn immediately after the acceptance of his proposition, provided, however, that the Legislature repeal the act authorizing the expenditure of \$550,000 for a new capitol and pass one providing for a building to cost \$1,100,000, his original donation to be applied in the construction of the building, and the annual contribution to be used for payment of repairs and alterations that may be found necessary. He will also ask that only architects of this state be allowed to compete in the "plan contest" and the contract be awarded to none but a party or parties doing business in this state. When asked for an explanation of what led him to consider a proposition of such immense magnitude he replied that he was prompted by a spirit of philanthropy and having no person to whom he desired to leave his wealth, he considered it only just to do something for the state in which he amassed fortune, and as he did not deem \$550,000 a sufficient amount to construct a capitol in keeping with modern times, he hit upon this plan. All that worries

him is that he does not know if his plan could be lawfully carried out, but he signified his intention of coming to interview Attorney General McCormick in a few weeks concerning the matter. Repeated queries would not divulge who he is, for he said he was not seeking notoriety and preferred commencing his plan quietly and unknown until the proper time for action arrived. He is likely a Philadelphian but nothing positive could be learned of him.

### AN APPEAL TAKEN.

Last Saturday Attorney C. L. Bailey, counsel for Architects Allen and Harlowe, of Pittsburg, and Cope and Stewardson, of Philadelphia, appealed to the Supreme Court from the decision rendered by Judge Simonton in the Dauphin county court last week in the Capitol Commission case. This means a lengthy legal contest, so it is quite evident that temporary quarters will have to be again provided for the Legislature of 1899, for it will be impossible to complete the new structure by then unless work is commenced at once.

### ABOUT THE SCHOOL LAWS.

Superintendent Nathan C. Schaeffer of the Department of Public Instruction desires to state for the benefit of the many patrons who have written and requested him to send them copies of the school laws that at the time of the destruction of the capitol all the printing matter was lost, so he is only able to comply to the extent of furnishing them with copies of the acts passed by the last Legislature. However, he expects the printer to have the complete laws ready by January 1st and then he will gladly furnish applicants with copies.

### CONCERNING OFFICIALS.

Richard B. Cochran, of York, who was appointed Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth, has entered upon his duties. He is a brilliant lawyer and possesses all the qualifications necessary to fit him for the important office which he holds. Mr. Cochran is quite friendly and has already won the good graces of the newspaper fraternity.

Col. James Elverson, Jr., a member of the governor's staff has resigned. Col. Elverson is business manager of the Philadelphia Inquirer, which is owned by his father, and the fact that journal opposes Governor Hastings is the cause of the colonel's resigning.

Major General Snowden has appointed Major David Lewis, an aid of his staff, as acting assistant adjutant general of the division, in place of Col. North resigned.

Representative Frank McClain will be re-elected for the third time as the representative of Lancaster city, and has already signified his intention of becoming a candidate for Speaker of the next House. Mr. McClain has frequently occupied the chair temporarily.

Senator Quay's return from Florida is an indication of a renewal of the political warfare now being waged in this state.

### WILL F. HENDRICKSON.

#### A Fine Reception.

The reception given by W. H. Armstrong, Esq. and wife last Thursday was a notable event and largely attended by Milford people who thus demonstrated their kindly welcome to the newly wedded couple. The house was tastefully decorated for the occasion, the music by a Port Jervis orchestra was enlightening and the refreshments served were the daintiest. Mrs. Armstrong was handsomely gowned and charmingly affable and the whole affair was elegant and replete with pleasant memories for the many who participated.

### M. E. Church Notes.

The Rev. George Whitehead, of Dingmans, will occupy the pulpit of Methodist Church Sunday morning and evening. He will also preach at Schoopoe at 2.30.

The Third Quarterly Conference will be held on Thursday, Oct. 28 at 7.30. Dr. J. B. Faulk, presiding.

The Jersey City District of the Epworth League will hold its annual convention on Tuesday, Oct. 26th. Rev. W. B. Neff and Mr. Wm. Angle are elected delegates to represent the Milford chapter.

The trans-Siberian railroad being built by the Russian government is 4,776 miles long outside of Russia proper and will cost two hundred and sixty-one million dollars.

## REGISTERS ANCIENT HISTORY.

Some Pike County Incidents—How Milford People Were Galled.

June 15 1881 managers of Delaware Bridge near Milford met at Brick House to receive proposals for building bridge.

June 21 Rev. J. F. Demarest was pastor of Reformed church at Montague.

Isaac Clark, his son Benjamin, Wm. B. Tuttle and one other resident of Sandyston, seriously poisoned by eating pot cheese which had been placed in an earthen pot, previous to the party going to the woods to cut timber. It was supposed the cheese had absorbed some of the gassing of the pot.

In July bloomers were the rage and comments numerous.

G. J. Boebe was the orator at a 4 of July celebration at Milford.

July 18 Mr. Ayers of Lehman township this county seized with cramps while wading across the Delaware and drowned in 3 or 4 feet of water in sight of his son who stood on opposite bank.

August 7 Jacob M. Blair, a noted horse thief lodged in Sussex jail. He had preached in Milford, Pa., and while here was arrested as a horse thief, but not being fully identified was released and the citizens made him a present of \$40.

Aug 23 a son of Edward Halse, of Dingman township bitten below the knee by a rattlesnake, while plowing. He went to the well, made a hole in the earth near the curb and inserted his leg. Water was then mixed with the soil, and he laid down on the ground remaining in this position until his parents returned in the evening. They took him in the house, continued the treatment and next day he was up and "doing" as usual.

Sept. 19. The Delaware was lower than it had been any time since 1819.

The death of James Barton, of Milford, January 14, 1862 at the age of 90 years. He was born in New Jersey in 1762, held a lieutenant's commission at the age of 16 under the British government at the outbreak of the Revolution, but did not renounce his allegiance. He resided in Milford fifty years, and the people were greatly indebted to him for the principal improvements in this county and particularly those in Milford. His talents were of the highest order, and but for his alienation from our country he would undoubtedly have filled high places of trust and confidence. He was always foremost in every public enterprise. He was warmly attached to our institutions, but remained loyal to the Queen.

(It was principally through his instrumentality that the first water works were laid in this town; pieces of the old logs which comprised the mains are occasionally unearthed and we have one of the iron rings which formed a connection between the logs.—Ed. Press.

## SCHOOL REPORTS.

Report of Grades 6, 7, 8 and 9 Milford, for month ending Sept. 24, 1897:

GRADE 6.	
CLASS STANDING	AVERAGE PER CENT
1. Doris Hochstetler	90
2. Etta Decker	89
3. Daisy DeWitt	86 1/2
4. Jennie Strubbers	82

  

GRADE 8.	
CLASS STANDING	AVERAGE PER CENT
1. Harry Armstrong	95
2. Mabel Boyd	92
3. George Williams	91
4. Etta Kipp	89
5. Mark Byrne	89
6. Mary Quick	88
7. Doolley Ryan	85
8. Nettie Rivers	84
9. Lulu Schorr	83
10. Bertha Boyd	79

  

GRADE 7.	
CLASS STANDING	AVERAGE PER CENT
1. Robert Terwilliger	92 1/2
2. Amy Middaugh	90
3. Phoebe Davis	85
4. Mary Lassiter	85
5. Lucy Bourlique	85
6. Mabel Thornton	84
7. Alice Ryan	84
8. Lewis Gregory	79
9. Helan Lanchantin	78
10. Cora Strubbers	77 1/2
11. Helen Palmer	77
12. Beulah Jennings	74
13. George Lattimore	72
14. George Yurast	72
15. Jaka Schorr	72
16. Annie Kipp	70
17. Beulah Jennings	69
18. Edna Klair	67
19. Roscoe Gourlay	64
20. Ernest Gehrig	63

  

GRADE 9.	
CLASS STANDING	AVERAGE PER CENT
1. Yonie Lockwood	97
2. Perry Hart	96
3. Alice Emerson	95
4. Mary Owens	95
5. Clara Van Campen	94
6. Francis Lumber	93
7. Alice Baker	91
8. Maudie Smith	91
9. John Palmer	79
10. Julia Berthold	44

## OBITUARY.

DR. P. F. HUGGINS.

Dr. P. F. Huggins resident British physician for the Island of Nevis died at his home Sept. 19 from the effect of a sun stroke, after an illness of only a few days. Last winter accompanied by his wife and daughter Lizzie, he visited this country where three of their children were and are at present in school, Melville, at Lehigh University, George, at Bethel Hall and Isabel at Hollins Institute, Virginia. Mrs. Huggins (nee Miss Savilla Moshbeck) is a native of Sussex county, N. Y., a step sister of Hon. Jacob Gould, of Deckertown and is widely related to prominent people of that county. She has a large circle of friends there and in Virginia where she resided for several years, and also intimate friends in Milford. The blow is a sad one and the grief of the children in this country is especially poignant as they were ignorant for several weeks of the dark cloud which overhung their youthful lives. The bereaved wife too will have the sincere sympathy of her many warm friends in her deep affliction rendered more profoundly so by reason of the distance which separates her from her early home and from them.

JOHN BOSLER.

This old resident of Dingman township who was well known and respected as a citizen, passed over to the silent majority early last Monday morning, aged 82 years. Though born in Germany he has spent the greater portion of his life in this county in the township in which he died. He came to this country when but 16 years old. His vessel in which he sailed was 65 days crossing the waters and the food and water in the vessel in which he sailed giving out they were driven to desperation. Of quiet, unobtrusive habits he went in and out performing his daily labor with cheerfulness and care, and in industry and faithfulness leaving an example to be emulated.

A large family of children survives him: Theodore, Samuel, Albert and William, of Dingman township; Charles, of Delaware; George R., of Milford township; Joseph, of Deckertown, N. J., and Edward, of Montrose, Pa., where a daughter Emma, wife of William Hartig, also resides, and Kate Rolinson, of Equinunk. His surviving brother is James, of Milford, and half brothers are Joseph, of Montague, N. J., Otis and Charles, of Syracuse, N. Y., and Susan Burnett, of New York.

The funeral was held Wednesday at 2 p. m.

HUGH SAYRE FERGUSON.

Word has reached friends here of the death of Mr. Ferguson at the home of his sister, Mrs. Anna Hanners, with whom he resided in Cairo, Michigan.

For some years he suffered with rheumatism but the immediate cause of death was paralysis. The last being a third stroke. He was married several years ago but his wife is deceased and he has since lived with his sister. Besides her there survive him: One brother, Edward, residing in New York, and two other sisters, Mrs. Maria Williamson, of Sparrowbush, and Mrs. Edward Shepherd, of Delaware township.

Deceased was a son of Edward Ferguson, an old resident of Delaware township where he was born and lived for many years before going west.

ELI HANNERS.

Eli Hanners, who formerly resided in Dingman township where he was well known and who married Anna, the youngest daughter of the late Edward Ferguson, died about three months ago at his home in Cairo, Michigan.

Those who believe chronic diarrhoeas to be incurable should read what Mr. P. E. Grisham, of Guars Mills, La., has to say on the subject viz: "I have been a sufferer from chronic diarrhoea ever since the war and have tried all kinds of medicines for it. At last I found a remedy that effected a cure and that was Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy." This medicine can always be depended upon for colic, cholera morbus, dysentery and diarrhoea. It is pleasant to take and never fails to effect a cure. 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by Druggist and General Merchants in Pike county.

## FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

They Are Useful and Efficient Aids in the Cause of Education.

The decision of the board of education to abolish the charges for taking out books at the Kanawha City public library is unquestionably a wise one, says The Times of that city. Though under the present system the dues are not excessive nor even commensurate with the value of the privileges, yet so long as it is not free the institution cannot attain the full measure of its usefulness.

Public libraries need not necessarily be free, but municipal public libraries are generally expected to be free as well as open to the general public. As in the case of our public schools, the expense is calculated to be borne by those who can afford it rather than those who especially need the advantages conferred.

The principle in both cases is the same. It is firmly believed that the diffusion of knowledge makes better citizens and tends to equalize the conditions under which men compete for existence and honors. In a Democratic popular government there should be no taxes on learning.

The abolishment of charges will certainly widen the influence of the public library. Not only will more persons be brought into connection with it as readers, but others will be interested in its work and wish to contribute to its means. It may be confidently predicted that the change will be universally approved as it deserves.

## BRIEF MENTION.

—The cheese noted in our Dingman correspondence as making a whole family sick could not have been tested recently by the proper authorities.

—W. E. Doster, of Bethlehem has been designated as Deputy District Attorney to prosecute in the conspiracy cases of Messrs Reeder, Weiss and Luckenback.

—Down in Stroudsburg they are agitating the question of removing the post office to a larger and more commodious room and a petition has been circulated and largely signed asking the Postmaster General that the change be made.

—The Epworth League of the M. E. Church gave an interesting entertainment in the lecture room Tuesday evening. The program consisted of illustrated songs. Excellent refreshments were served and the league received a neat sum for its treasury.

—Prepare to attend the Teachers' Institute next week. Superintendent Sawyer has made unusual effort to provide a programme which will be highly entertaining as well as exceedingly instructive. Give the lecturers large audiences as their abilities and fame as instructors merit.

## Teachers' Institute.

County Teachers' Institute Lecture Course. Lectures will be given in Court House on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, Oct. 25, 26, 27 and 28.

Monday evening, Subject: "Golden Treasures," by Prof. E. L. Kemp, Vice Principal of Stroudsburg Normal.

Tuesday evening, Subject: "Reading its Relation to the Public Schools," by Hon. J. A. Riley, an ex-Superintendent of Schools and ex-Speaker of Montana Legislature.

Wednesday evening, Subject: "The Story of the Heavens," by Dr. Geo. M. Phillips, Principal of Westchester Normal.

Thursday evening, Subject: "A Bad Way to Grow Olives," by Rev. T. H. McKenzie, of Port Jervis, N. Y.

These lectures are all free, but owing to expense attached to such a course, the public may be asked to contribute by way of a collection.

## Game Law Violations.

A private letter from Shohola township says the game laws are being violated with impunity in that section, and that game is being shipped from that station and Lackawaxen every week. That hundreds of snares are set all around in the woods, and the parties who are doing this openly defy the law. If these reports are true there is certainly a good field in that township for a little missionary work by sportsmen, or any others interested in seeing that law is fairly obeyed.

## PIKE COUNTY COURTS.

October Term Well Attended This Week.

An Interesting and Busy Session—Criminal and Civil Cases Disposed—Full Report to Date—The Matamoros Case Disposed of.

The session convened with President Judge Purdy and Associates Houck and Klair present.

Constables as follows made returns: Lehman, W. S. Van Aukon; Delaware, J. D. Brooks; Dingman, J. A. Fisher; Milford Borough, A. Terwilliger; Milford township, C. Hermann; Westfall, B. C. Totten; Shohola, Geo. J. Englehart; Lackawaxen, Frank Kelly; Patuxent, Alvah Quick; Greene, Eugene Butler; Blooming Grove, E. N. Pierson; Porter, G. T. Smith.

Alvah Quick was appointed to wait on the Grand Jury and C. Hermann and G. T. Englehart on the court.

M. C. Westbrook was appointed foreman of the Grand Jury and after receiving the usual charge if retired to begin its work.

The accounts of A. D. Brown, trustee, estate of C. Ott, deceased; Arthur Lederer, s. d. b. n. c. t. a. of Jacob Ottenheimer and Mary Millett, administratrix of George Millett, deceased, were confirmed n. si.

Bartlett L. Smith, who pleaded guilty at March term to taking a small roll of wire and sentence suspended was sentenced to three months' imprisonment in the county jail to pay costs and \$10 fine.

E. Kimble, administrator, presented a petition for sale of real estate of Phebe Heater, deceased, which was granted and the bond fixed at \$600.

Anna A. Pinney vs. Thomas M. Pinney. Subpoena in divorce awarded.

In the cases of the Commonwealth vs. Howard Wager, and same vs. August Wagner, nolle prosequi were entered, the costs having been paid.

Commonwealth vs. H. L. Rosset surely of the peace after hearing the court dismissed the complaint and sentenced Howard Wager to pay the costs. Failing to do this he was escorted by the sheriff to his rather unpretentious but commodious hotel.

Viewers on county bridge near Burchers: John C. Westbrook, August Witte and John H. Smith. Bridge at Bushkill: Frank Schorr, Frank Van Aukon and Chas. L. Heller.

Commonwealth vs. Samuel Fuller, assault. Bill ignored and Herman Koehler, pros. for costs.

Commonwealth vs. James Reser, larceny, true bill. Continued.

Petition presented for a county bridge across Lackawanna near the mouth of same. John C. Westbrook, Jr., Renbon Bell, James E. Nyce appointed viewers.

Mary Houseman vs. Christian Houseman, divorce. Subpoena awarded.

Marvin vs. Conkling, ejectment for land in Westfall, Oct. 20th an agreement is filed that judgment be entered for plaintiff with stay of possession until March 15th.

Inquisition on body of unknown man near Mongaup filed, costs \$3.95 approved.

Same on body of unknown man at Shohola, bill \$10.82 approved.

Commonwealth vs. J. M. Nelson, embezzlement, continued.

Commonwealth vs. Gustav Hohne and Arthur Hohne, indictment discharging fire arms with intent to kill. Prosecutor Vid. Zekich. True bill continued.

Commonwealth vs. Wm. Steinmetz, indictment, selling liquor without license. True bill.

Commonwealth vs. Frank Driller and Henrietta Driller. This case between Matamoros parties was sharply contested. It was alleged that Mrs. Lonsche, Lizzie Hartz and Mary Hains were riding a bicycle without a light and ran into Mrs. Driller. That a fight grew out of this a short time afterwards in which a fence picket, pulling hair and whiskers and other kindred conduct was indulged in during which Gertrude Hartz the mother of Lizzie was seriously injured. The jury after deliberating all night found Frank Driller guilty of assault and battery on the person of Gertrude Hartz and acquitted his wife Henrietta Driller.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Westfall, James C. Rose, et. ux.

to Margette Cann, dated Oct. 6th, 1/2 acre, con. \$320, ont'd Oct. 19th. Milford Borough. John C. Wallace, et. ux., to Edwin S. Wolf, dated Oct. 19, town lot 503, corner 5th and High street, con. \$300, ont'd Oct. 18.

## PERSONAL.

Mrs. W. E. Armstrong has returned to New York.

Mrs. H. G. Williamson is visiting friends at Blooming Grove.

Mrs. F. Leclere is visiting friends in New York and Brooklyn.

Linda Klair expects soon to go to New York for a month's visit.

Robert W. Smith, Esq., of Patuxent, was attendant at court this week.

B. H. Warburton with a large coaching party spent Sunday at the Hotel Fauchers.

B. E. Brown and wife have enjoyed camping out at Porter's several days this week.

Mrs. Angle and son Chester, of Stroudsburg, visited the family of John Detrick last week.

Dr. DePasse contemplates enlarging his beautifully located residence at the Bluff.

Mrs. Lizzie R. Morford after spending a few days in Milford returned to Ellenville, N. Y.

Rev. W. R. Neff and wife will leave Monday to visit a few weeks with friends and relatives in Passaic.

F. X. Jardon is in New York. His popular house is still open and several guests remain to enjoy the autumn.

Linda Klair and Susan Nichols made a tour to Delaware Water Gap and Stroudsburg on their wheels recently.

Mrs. Nina Belle Bosler, a niece of Thos. M. Brink, was married this week in Port Jervis to Frank A. Bennett.

Margaret Brink is on a visit with friends at Lackawaxen and before returning will go to Yonkers where her father is employed.

Milton Armstrong with his wife and daughter-in-law recently took a trip through this county and as far as Honesdale visiting friends and relatives.

A. R. Brittain, H. J. Kotz and C. B. Staples, Esqrs., of Stroudsburg, and O. L. Rowland, of Honesdale, were outside attorneys who unlearned court proceedings by their presence.

James Walker, a former resident of Delaware township, is still living at Cairo, Mich., and enjoying comparatively good health. His wife is an invalid and at last accounts was in a precarious condition.

## A Card of Thanks.

I desire to express in this public manner my thanks to the many friends who displayed such warm sympathy to myself and family in our great bereavement. Their kindness is fully appreciated and will be gratefully remembered.

Geo. E. Horton.

## The Farmers' Institute.

Hon. N. B. Critchfield and Enos H. Hess, permanent lecturers, will be in attendance at the sessions of the Farmers' Institute to be held here February 14, 1898 and at Dingmans, Feb. 15th. Hon. W. L. Nesbit will also attend, and his topics range over a list of subjects covering the manner of fertilizing by plant growth. Mr. Hess discusses commercial fertilizers, the effect of lime on the soil and matters connected with stock raising and dairying.

Mr. Critchfield covers a wide range of general information directed to the culture of crops, care of stock and also methods of fertilizing with clover. He talks on the treatment of worn out soils and why farmers' profits are less than formerly.

Later when the program is arranged notice of the special topics selected and the order of exercises will be given in the Press.

Bear in mind the dates and though they seem a long time off yet each one can be making preparations with some questions and perhaps some ideas which will be of general benefit. These institutes are intended to aid the farmer by giving him useful hints founded on the knowledge and experience of men of wide observations on farms. The intelligent man who earnestly desires to improve his methods and better his condition may find in these talks much that will be helpful.